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CIA Acknowledges Rewald as an Agent

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The CIA has told a U.S. congressional subcommittee that Ronald Rewald was a CIA agent and signed a secrecy agreement, ABC news reports in a program scheduled to be broadcast tonight.

ABC's World News Tonight will be running a two-part series disclosing the results of its six-month investigation into the Rewald case, according to Thomas Goodman, news information director.

Most of the script from tonight's program contains information already reported extensively here. It includes allegations that Rewald's company, Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong, was involved in a number of secret projects.

But it also reports that the CIA has told a House subcommittee that Rewald was working for the agency.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Peyton said this morning he could not comment on the ABC report except to repeat that the CIA already has admitted "slight involvement" with Rewald.

The ABC report does not mention recent developments in the Rewald case, including the fact that Bishop, Baldwin company president Sunlin Wong pleaded guilty in federal court here to mail and securities fraud.

SOME OF THE information contained in the ABC report was taken from a British Broadcast-

ing Co. program that concentrated mainly on the CIA aspect of Rewald's company, Goodman said.

The ABC report quotes Rewald as saying he was a covert agent for the CIA and that he conducted a number of operations for the agency.

It also quotes bankruptcy administrator Thomas Hayes as saying that Bishop, Baldwin was used by the CIA, but that that did not justify Rewald's alleged stealing of millions of dollars of investors' money.

Rewald is quoted in the ABC report as saying the money actually is not missing, but is in several different banks under other names. It does not mention that Rewald was let out of prison here to show investigators where the money might be, but was unable to uncover any hidden cash. Hayes has said that he has traced nearly all of the investors' money. The money went into a Hawaii National Bank account and then was spent by Rewald for his personal things and for company overhead, Hayes has testified.

The ABC report comes a day after a Circuit Court judge cleared the way for Rewald to return again to the Mainland to pursue work pending his state and federal fraud trials.

JUDGE DANIEL Heely said Rewald could go to the Mainland if he complies with the conditions of an earlier federal order allowing him to travel.